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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DECOMPOSING POLLUTANT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the specification where they are cited and in the English abstracts attached thereto. In addition, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 7-51675 may be found in the enclosed corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,578,193. Further, the enclosed EP 1 163 946 A1 claims priority from JP 12-181636 (2000-181636), which is cited on page 4 of the specification.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/335,711	06/18/99	1741
09/451,443	11/30/99	1741
09/458,685	11/30/99	1741
09/595,439	11/30/99	1741
09/988,105	11/19/01	1762

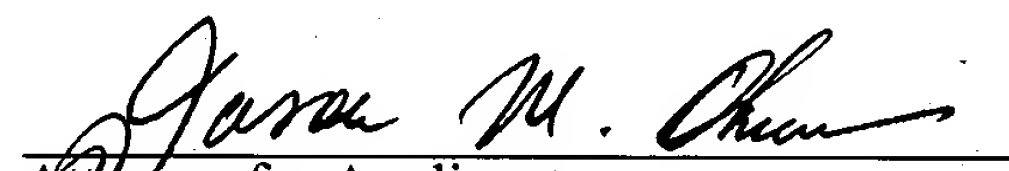
A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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